Procedure of imposing penalty in Railways

5744. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a time schedule of 202 days is prescribed for finalising D plus AR cases against Railway men for major penalty;

(b) if so, whether General Manager (Northern Railway) ordered that major penalty cases should be finalised within a period of one to two years:

(c) whether major penalty charge-sheet issued under No. 85 AC/O/DC M/152 JR dated 16th August, 1989 has been finalised; and

(d) if so, with what results and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No statutory time limit has been prescribed in the Discipline & Appeal Rules for finalisation of major penalty proceedings. The model time schedule of 202 days, later reduced to 150 days, has been laid down as aguidance for expeditious finalisation of disciplinary cases. The actual time taken for finalisation will, however, depend upon the circumstances of each case. The instructions issued by General Manager, Northern Railway are in the context of steps to be taken for expeditious finalisation of cases.

(c) and (d) The enquiry has not been finalised due to non-availability of relied upon documents.

Implementation of Bombay-Latur-Mirage Railway Gauge Conversion Project

5745. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bombay-Latur-Mirage railway-gauge conversion project has been taken up for implementation:

(b) what provision has been made for it during 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(c) what is the priority accorded to it under the Gauge Conversion Action Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Bombay-Miraj section is already a BG line section. Miraj-Latur gauge conversion is an approved project on which Final Location Survey work is in progress.

		Rs. crores
(b)	1993-94 . .	0.50
	1994-95 . .	5.00

(c) Will depend upon completion of the Survey and approval of the Planning Commission.

Punishment to guards at Shahdol

5746. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many guards of Shahdol on Bilaspur Division had been supplied with clamps including chain, lock and key till March, 1993;